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To: Forest Supervisors

### **REPLY DUE FEBRUARY 18, 2013**

As you further implement the 2005 Travel Management Rule, this letter will provide you with additional guidance regarding Subpart A of that rule which is the Travel Analysis Process (TAP) and also states my expectation for all units to complete this process by the required date of the end of FY2015. Subpart A of the rule requires each unit to identify the minimum road system needed for safe and efficient travel, identify roads under Forest Service jurisdiction that are no longer needed to meet current forest objectives and to document opportunities for these unneeded roads which may include activities such as decommissioning, or storage for possible future use. This requires an interdisciplinary and integrated analysis process utilizing all resource areas. It is my expectation that the various resource areas such as soil, water, wildlife, cultural, lands, timber, invasive species, fuels/fire and others will all be directly involved in this process.

The Regional Office staff has various documents that are intended to provide basic information that will help guide Forests through the TAP. The attached documents were compiled to provide general guidance on what is required by the Travel Management Rule regarding TAP, and were assembled to help Forests meet the objectives of 36 CFR 212.5(b). This regulation and the attached letter from the WO indicate that Forests must adhere to this requirement.

Travel Analysis is not a NEPA decision; it is a science-based exercise that is intended to inform future travel management decisions. The public is interested and should be involved in the work of TAP as stated in the directives. The goal is to gain the benefit of input from a diverse array of individuals and user groups.

To be able to verify that all units have properly planned for all TAPs to be completed by the required date, I am asking each forest to respond back to the Regional Office by February 15, 2013, with their projected schedule of completion dates for each individual forest or district.

If you have further questions regarding the specific areas of the TAP, or would like to schedule a RO assistance trip to your unit, please contact the following appropriate member of the Regional TAP Review Team: Gene Baker (Engineering 303-275-5164), Tommy John (Physical Resources 303-275-5583), or Chris Spurl (Recreation 303-275-5168).

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